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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/607,604	Applicant(s) RICHTER, KOBI	
	Examiner Urmi Chattopadhyay	Art Unit 3738	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-30, 32-36 and 44-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 31 and 37-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Species 4 (stent with substantially tubular member), claims 1-3, 31 and 37-43 in the reply filed on 12/17/04 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the examiner failed to show that a serious burden exists in examining the full scope of the invention as claimed. This is not found persuasive because the requirement to show a serious burden does not pertain to an election of species. MPEP § 802 referred to by applicant pertains to restriction requirements, not species requirements. Since the claims are directed to independent inventions, election of species is proper pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, and it is not necessary to show a separate status in the art or separate classification. See MPEP § 808.01(a). Applicant is reminded that a proper traversal of an election of species is on the grounds that the species are not patentably distinct, wherein evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants are submitted or identified by the applicant or clearly admitted on the record that this is the case. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.
2. Claims 4-30, 32-36 and 44-47 have been withdrawn from consideration for being drawn to non-elected species. The claims being considered for further examination on the merits are 1-3, 31 and 37-43.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-3, 31 and 37-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Horton, Jr. et al. (USPAP 2002/0162605 A1).

Horton, Jr. et al. discloses an implantable medical device with all the elements of claims 1, 31, 37 and 41. See [0008]-[0010] and [0036] for an implantable medical device comprising an amorphous metal alloy (claim 1). See claims 8 and 9 for the device being a stent comprising a tube comprising an amorphous metal alloy (claim 31). Claims 37 and 41 are product-by-process claims, and according to MPEP § 2113, these claims are not limited to the manipulations of the recited steps, only the structure implied by the steps. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production, but on the product itself. Because Horton, Jr. et al. meets the structural limitations of claims 37 and 41 of a medical device containing an amorphous metal alloy, the claims are properly rejected thereby.

Claim 2, see [0036] for a permanently implanted device.

Claim 3, see [0045] for a temporarily implanted device.

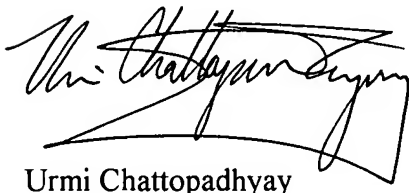
Claims 38-40 and 42-43 are product-by-process claims. They do not structurally further limit the claimed invention. See rejection to claims 37 and 41, *supra*.

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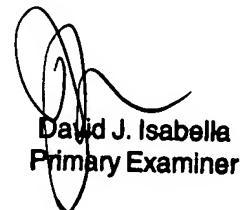
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on (571) 272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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